

PERSONAL AND
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Government House,
Canberra. 2600.

17 DEC 1970

Dear Professor Hill,

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty The Queen would be graciously pleased to appoint you a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and I am therefore directed by His Excellency the Governor-General to ask you to telegraph me urgently whether this honour would be acceptable to you. If you can telephone your reply to Mr Noel Lovell of this Office at Canberra 81-1211 during business hours, so much the better as there is a time factor involved.

In conformity with the necessity for secrecy at this stage, kindly confine your telegram to "GRATEFULLY ACCEPT" or "BEG TO DECLINE".

Should you wish to decline, I should be glad of a confirmatory letter setting out your reasons.

Please treat this matter as strictly confidential until advice of your proposed honour is published in the daily press, which I anticipate will be 1st January, 1971.

Please also advise me at once should your full name and address as shown below be incorrect in any detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M.L. Tyrrell".

(M.L. Tyrrell)
Official Secretary to the
Governor-General.

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*gratefully
accepted 18/12/70*